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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Cameroon.

We commend Cameroon for the measures taken to combat female genital mutilation, including awareness-raising campaigns on this harmful practice. Italy would like to ask whether Cameroon is considering to step up the fight against FGM and other practices such as breast ironing through the adoption of further measures, which could encompass the establishment of an *ad hoc* legal framework aiming at prohibiting and condemning such acts, as urged by the Resolution (67/147) recently adopted by the General Assembly.

Italy notes with appreciation the existence of a *de facto* moratorium on death penalty; Italy strongly encourages Cameroon to formalize it with a view to abolishing such a heinous punishment.

Thanking for the information provided on the criminal law system and the detention conditions, Italy would be pleased to learn further details on:

- How Cameroon intends to prevent the risk of abuses, ill-treatments and torture on detainees or people arrested by police and security forces, and ensure prompt, impartial and effective investigations on torture allegations;
- Whether and how Cameroon carries out training on human rights for all law enforcement officials.

I thank you, Mr. President